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By order,

W. G. PURNELL,

Secretary of Senate.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF

HON. ELIHU E. JACKSON,

Governor of Maryland,

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Senate met at 11 A. M.

Mr. Goodwin presented the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 11th, 1888.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We respectfully invite you to be present in the Senate Chamber, at 12 o'clock noon to-day, to participate with us in the inauguration of the Governor-elect, and to witness the administration of the oath by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of this State.

We will appoint a committee to await upon your Honorable Body, and conduct you to our Chamber.

By order,

W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

The President appointed, as such committee, Messrs. Goodwin and Edelen.

The Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 11th, 1888.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received your message inviting this body to the Senate Chamber, at 12 o'clock, to participate in the inauguration of the Governor-elect, and to witness the administration of the oath by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

We respectfully inform you that we will attend at the time and place appointed.

By order,

CARLTON SHAFER,

Chief Clerk.

The hour of 12 o'clock noon having arrived, the Hon. Elihu E. Jackson, Governor-elect, accompanied by his Excellency, Governor Henry Lloyd, and the respective committees of the Senate and House of Delegates, appeared in the Senate Chamber, and took the seats assigned to them.

The Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Delegates appeared,

Whereupon,

The Governor-elect arose and delivered the following address in the presence of the General Assembly, the Honorable Judges of the Court of Appeals, and a large concourse of citizens, after which the oath of office was administered by the Hon. R. H. Alvey,

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, agreeably to the Constitution :

*Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Delegates :*

I ought, in deference to a proper custom, to say a few words upon this occasion.

I have been called to the office of Governor by the votes of the people of this State. The office was not created for the honor or benefit of the person elected to fill it. It is a public trust confided to the incumbent, which he ought to execute under a solemn sense of the responsibility it imposes. I accept the office with that feeling strongly impressed upon my heart, and trust that I may be enabled to discharge its duties in such a manner as will meet the approval of my own conscience, and fulfil the proper expectations of the people of this State.

I will not, in this address, recommend any specific measures for your consideration. I will perform this duty as occasion may arise. I am quite sure we all have a common desire to make such changes in the laws now in force relating to the Elective Franchise as will best secure fair elections, and thus ascertain the true will of the people of Maryland.

You will have my hearty co-operation in all efforts having such objects in view. I shall not forget the pledges made by those who honored me with their choice, nor my own hearty adoption of the obligations which those pledges impose upon me. I will so exercise my limited power of appointment under any existing or amended laws relating to the Elective Franchise as to ensure, as far as in me lies, the faithful and intelligent execution of such laws,

While I invite you to give careful attention to the interests of all our people, I feel it to be my duty to enjoin especially upon you your obligation to continue in the good work of affording adequate protection to the men, women and children who are wage earners. These form the great majority of our people, and ought to be always under your protection and fostering care.

I trust that, in the performance of your duties, you will, while making adequate provision for your actual needs, practice strict economy.

You will observe, I am sure the same rule in all your appropriations of public money. It is not expected by those who have placed us in our respective positions that we should withhold needful expenditure in the service of the State, or in the support of its proper institutions, or in aid of charitable institutions performing duties which, except for their existence, would devolve upon the State. But all such expenditures ought to be judicious and thoroughly considered.

You and I are entrusted with the government of a prosperous State. While we make fitting acknowledgment to all who have preceded us, I cannot forget the larger share of credit due to the Governor, whom I am about to succeed, and to the executive officers who have taken part in his administration of public affairs.

I need not, however, dwell longer upon particular topics. The welfare of the State is largely in your hands. Political parties, and men representing such parties, are necessary means of government under all constitutions originating with the people. A party

in control, and those who have been chosen by its members must maintain sway and influence by good government. You have been chosen by your respective constituencies to represent them in the present General Assembly. I believe that your unselfish devotion to your public duties will prove that their choice was well merited. For myself I can only say that I hope, with God's assistance, to perform faithfully the duties which all the people, whom you collectively represent, have imposed upon me.

I am now ready to take the oath of office.

The Honorable, the Speaker, and members of the House of Delegates, and his Excellency, Hon. Elihu E. Jackson, then retired.



